

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a good Christmas break and enjoyed time with friends and family. Can I take this opportunity to say thank you for the cards and gifts received by staff, they are very much appreciated.

We started this half term with an assembly thinking about our hopes and wishes for the new year. I shared with the children the fact that my wish is always for us all to feel joy at school and to be kind to one another. We talked about the fact that a new year brings 365 new days and 365 new chances.....and because it's a leap year we get an extra chance too; one that we don't want to waste.

Over the break, Friends of Ryelands (FOR) have busy counting up all the money raised by the Christmas events - £371.35 from the trees and wreaths, £302.45 from the cards and £1123.53 from the fair making a grand total of **£1797.23** - thank you all so much for supporting FOR. This Sunday, FOR have organised a **BLUE Fun Run** in South Norwood Country Park at 9:30. Please come and join us if you can for a run (or walk) around the park - believe me, you always feel better for getting outside and doing something active.....well I always do!



Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to another positive term at school.

Kate and the Ryelands Team

Important Notice: Applying for Reception September 2024

Monday 15th January 2024

Statutory deadline for receipt of primary applications

Tuesday 16th April 2024

National Offer Day Online applicants will receive a notification email during the evening. You can log on to view the result of your application at www.eadmissions.org.uk

FOR Foreign Currency Collection

Have you been abroad since the pandemic? If yes then you may have some foreign coins or notes loitering and ruining your new years clean and tidy plans. Bring them into the office and FOR (Friends of Ryelands PTA) can put it towards our fundraising.



On Friday 9th February FOR are holding a Valentines Disco. Early years need adults to attend with the kids, 3.30-4.15pm

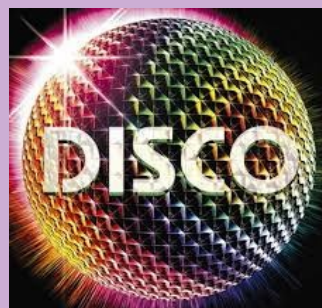
Juniors can attend unaccompanied but must be collected at the end. 4.15-5pm

Hot dogs and drinks will be served so bring your cash along!

We need more chaperones for this event so get in touch if you can volunteer.

We have a DJ booked!

£1 entry fee minimum donation per family.



FOR are in need of the following for

Future events

We are in need of

1. A DJ
2. FACE PAINTERS & HENNA ARTISTS
3. UNWANTED FOREIGN COINS/NOTES
4. ANYTHING VALENTINE THEMED
5. UNWANTED XMAS GIFTS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES
6. BAKERS FOR CAKE SALES



Junior Citizenship Scheme Trip - Thursday 11th January at Croydon Fire Station

written by Sariah and Mey Hawk Class

We left the school at 9:05 then walked to Arena Tram Stop. We passed by Centrale and walked from there. We eventually arrived at our destination. When we reached the entrance many of the staff (who had volunteered to be there) gave us a very warm welcome. We were then split into groups and went into different rooms.

In one of the rooms, we were taught about how some drugs are legal and others aren't, but that doesn't mean that they are all dangerous. For example, there is a type of drug called 'laughing gas' that doctors use for pain relief for people in the hospital. It comes in a little metal tube that some people use in the wrong way which is why the law has changed and it is now an illegal drug.

Another thing we learnt there is that carrying a knife with you in this country- no matter if it's in self-defence or not - is completely illegal no matter what. If you are even seen with a knife by a police officer, then you could be detained. The most valuable piece of information we learnt in that room (for our age group) is probably that most teenagers get in trouble with the law because they want to look cool in front of others, and I believe this is important to us because I've seen many different students from our school and others get in trouble because their friends told them to do something. The course leader told us various scenarios of this situation happening between different people he had met.

There was also a room with a lady from the London Ambulance Service, who helps people in medical situations, and we learnt about DRABC, which stands for:

Danger - when you see someone who may be unconscious.

Response - when you shout at them to check for a response,.

Airway - when doing this you must lightly place your palm on their forehead and about two fingers on their chin to slowly move their head back, so their chin is pointing up.

Breathing - you can take your hand and hold it over their nose and mouth to feel if they're breathing or put your ear near their chest and listen out for breathing.

Call - whether they are breathing or not, if they are still unconscious, don't be scared to call 999, an ambulance will be sent to you.

We also learnt about Stranger Danger, a 'stranger' came in and managed to trick half of the year group into leaving the work room we were in and half of Year 6 realised that the lanyard they were wearing had someone else's information on so they stayed where they were, the other half of the year group were tricked into going outside and having their photos taken. We have learnt now to be much more careful about trusting people!

I has so much fun on this entertaining trip. We learnt about different services jobs including the Fire Brigade, paramedics and police who work in different areas including transport and gangs. We also had a lady from Hope talk to us about legal and illegal drugs. [Written by Louie, Maria, Riley](#)

I learnt to never trust a stranger and to always ask for ID. We learnt that safe strangers are people we don't know but can help us in situations when we feel unsafe for example shop owners, security guards, police, medics and bus drivers. Someone even tricked us: she came in and asked if we wanted to take a picture outside with a social media star in a fire-fighter van and post the picture on the school website! Little did we know she was going to trick us and try to kidnap us. They explained that you should always ask for an ID if you meet a stranger even if you think it is a safe stranger.

Written by Riz, Kuba, Amalia and Alexandra

I liked the London Fire Brigade talk where we learnt what to do if your house is on fire. We learnt you go down on the floor so you don't breathe in the smoke and if you are in a fire for 8 minutes the air starts to become toxic and with just 2 breaths you are likely to pass out!—Ethan

We are all so grateful for the people who took time to teach us useful life skills on how to keep ourselves safe in different scenarios. - Anabia

We learnt about DRABC from the paramedic and how to help someone if they are in danger. This stands for Danger; Response; Airways; Breathing and Call 999. - Anayah, Katie and Jaydan

Attendance

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions. This includes Soft Starts from 8.40am, registration in the morning and again after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target: 97.0% **Attendance This Week: 95.9%**

Attendance This Year: 95.7%

Weekly Attendance Awards

EAGLE Attendance Cup 98.55%

SPARROW - Penguin 99.55%

Pupils Late This Week: 22 pupils



WIN!!!

With our Weekly
Attendance Wheel...

#InItToWinIt

This initiative is part of our Friday Celebration Assembly. Every child who has had 100% attendance for the previous 5 days (Fri-Thurs) has their name entered into a prize draw. We spin the wheel (a child is chosen to do so) and whoever the wheel lands on, wins a £5 Amazon voucher. This is NOT cumulative so every week children have a fresh chance at having their names added to the draw.

**Winner for this week is:
ETTA - MAGPIE CLASS**

Spring Term

Positive playtime weekly winners!!

Winning class - this will be announced in Monday's assembly



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!



Spring 1 Week 1



MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Footballs, parachute and skipping	WB 8 th Jan 2024	Table tennis, basketballs and hula hoops	WB 8 th Jan 2024	Hula Hooping and ball games	WB 8 th Jan 2024



Positive Behaviour Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 2692

WINNING CLASS -

YEAR 4 OWL CLASS WITH 788 POINTS

WELL DONE!!!

This Week's Adventures

Nursery: The Nursery children were very excited to return to school this week and they couldn't wait to share their Christmas news with us all. On Tuesday, we welcomed our new January starters and we are enjoying getting to know them all. We are very proud of our older Nursery children who have adapted to the change extremely well and have shown great maturity befriending and helping their new friends. We have been learning lots of new names and have had lots of fun finding out about each other. It's been a very busy week for us!

Reception: This week our topic has been Transport. The children were introduced to different modes of transport and observed how vehicles changed over time. On Monday, they went on a short walk to the main street and did a survey on different types and different colours of vehicles. Later in the week, we have discussed about how transport might look in the future and what would be eco-friendly and what not. In Maths, the children explored number 0 and partitioning numbers to 5. Our writing was based around the story "*You can't take an elephant on the bus*" and the children created a story map and wrote sentences such as 'Do not take a tiger on the train.' and 'Jolly monkey in a trolley'. In Musical Bumps, the children listened to different pieces of music and practised keeping the beat.

Year 1: Happy New Year! It has been a great first week back in Year 1 and we are ready for the half term ahead! This week we have been learning all about keeping ourselves safe in conjunction with Safeguarding Week. We have talked about who keeps us safe and how to keep safe online, at home and outside. In maths, we have started looking at place value and have focused on the tens and ones in teen numbers. In science, we have started a new topic about space. We talked about what we would and wouldn't find in space and why living things would not be able to survive there.

Year 2: What a start to the new year! Year 2 have hit the ground running and started a new maths topic.... money. We have been identifying coins and notes whilst developing our understanding of the value of these. In English, we've started a new book called '*Grandad's Island*'. Before starting the story, the children made their own predictions of the story, they came up with some fantastic ideas just from the illustrations and the title. This week was Safeguarding Week, we have been identifying who our trusted adults are and what to do in situations where we feel unsafe or unsure, learning how to keep our bodies safe and understanding the rules of the road and how to cross the road safely.

Year 3: It has been great to have Year 3 back to work and routine! In English we have started a new unit based on the book, '*Leon and the Place Between*'. Children have been exploring their understanding of magic and circus shows to further support them to understand the text. We have shown Year 3 a variety of dramatic video clips, music, and pictures to immerse them into a circus setting. In Maths children have begun to multiply 2-digit numbers with 1-digit numbers using a variety of methods, they have learnt that they can use known multiplication and division facts to support them to answers unknown calculations. In History we have started a new unit on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age period, children completed informative timelines including key dates and events. In Music children have been learning about Bob Marley and practising the song, Three Little Birds.

Year 4: We have had a wonderful start to Year 4 and have started on a positive note. This week we have started looking at a brand new book called '*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*' by Kate DiCamillo. We have discussed the character of Edward Tulane and done an author study on Kate DiCamillo. We have also started our cricket sessions, this week we learnt how to throw and catch properly and even had time to put this into practice in a game!

Year 5: This week in maths, we have been ensuring that all pupils have a solid multiplication method to tackle such questions as 345×65 and 1287×35 – well done everyone! In writing, we've started studying '*Viking Boy*' by Tony Bradman. All students have been completing an author study and looking up facts about the Vikings before reading the first two chapters, which we enjoyed! Lastly in Year 5, we have been singing and learning the dance moves to for our 'Young Voices 2024' concert – we are sounding great; we hope as many Year 5 pupils will be allowed to come on this trip as possible...time to be stars at the O2 Arena for the night!!

Year 6: This week we started our new text '*Rose Blanche*' which is linked to our topic on World War II. The book is set in Germany during the War. We started by thinking about the illustrator of the book and why the title was chosen linking it to the White Rose Movement. We looked at the first illustration in the book and thought about how the crowd were feeling as the soldiers were setting off to war. We zoomed in on character to really think about how they felt before looking at a wider setting description. In maths, we have finished our unit on calculations by learning about order of operations and are moving on to fractions. We started by finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. In history, we have been looking at the causes of World War 2 whilst in geography we have used atlases to help us label a map with some of the countries that formed the British Empire. We were lucky enough to participate in the Junior Citizenship Scheme at Croydon Fire Station where we did activities with different groups of people - many of which were about keeping safe in different situations. This linked to our PSHE this term.

Stars of the Week



Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.

Robin	Oliver - Patient
Wren	Albie - Joyful
Sparrow	Melissa - Humble
Starling	Aroush - Humble
Chaffinch	Theo - Humble
Goldfinch	Toyosi - Humble
Kingfisher	Amy - Humble
Woodpecker	Matteo - Humble
Magpie	Jake - Hopeful
Owl	Miguel - Self controlled
Heron	Albert - Compassionate
Raven	Tiwa - Humble
Eagle	Jaydan - Forgiving
Hawk	Summer - Humble
Children's Choice	Sierra in Goldfinch chose Amina in Goldfinch for being Compassionate Benny in Starling chose Rafa in Magpie for being Joyful

SUMDOG	Class	Child
1st	HERON	MAX SPARROW
2nd	SPARROW	
3rd	MAGPIE	

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	RAVEN	YARO (RAVEN)
2nd	GOLDFINCH	
3rd	HAWK	RASSIAH (GOLDFINCH)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	GOLDFINCH	RASSIAH (GOLDFINCH)
2nd	RAVEN	ALPHA (GOLDFINCH)
3rd	KINGFISHER	HUZAIFAH (RAVEN)



Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 15th Jan	Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tues 16th Jan	9.00am Parents' Maths Meeting
Tues 17th Jan	18.00pm Parents' Meeting SRE coverage and materials
Thurs 18th Jan	9.00am Hawk Class Assembly Y5 Young Voices Concert O2 Arena (leave school at 11:00)
Fri 19th Jan	Y6 Trip to Chislehurst Caves (leave school at 09:25)
Mon 22nd Jan	1.00pm Year 4 Swimming every day for 2 weeks
Tues 23rd Jan	9.00am KS1 Space Dome
Wed 24th Jan	9.05am Year 4 Cricket 15.40pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 25th Jan	9.00 Raven Class Assembly 15.40pm Parents' Evening
Fri 26th Jan	Y6 WW2 Workshop
Mon 29th Jan	1.00 Year 4 Swimming all week
Thurs 1st Feb	9.00 Eagle Class Assembly
Monday 5th Feb	Reception Height and Weight Checks 2.45 Y1 Parents' Meeting—Phonics Screening
Tues 6th Feb	9.00am Parents' meeting—Keeping Safe Online
Thurs 8th Feb	9.00am Heron Class Assembly
Friday 9th Feb	Ryelands' Got Talent 15.30pm FoR Valentine Disco LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon 19th Feb	All children return to school Y1 Parents' Meeting Phonics Screening Check Information

BLUE FUN RUN

Sunday 14th January 2024

9:30am

in

South Norwood Country Park



Blow away the cobwebs ahead of 'Blue Monday' and join us for our BLUE FUN RUN on Sunday 14th January in South Norwood Country Park.

Wear blue and layer up to run together and help raise money for Friends of Ryelands. We are raising money for our wellness fund for the children at Oasis Academy Ryelands.

For a ticket and more details, visit the following site:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blues-run-tickets-780397629317?aff=oddtcreator>



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Larcom Street, Walworth, SE17 1NQ

Monday 15th of January at
5.15pm and 6pm

Monday 22nd of January at
4.15pm and 5.15pm

Saturday 20th of January at
10.15am and 11am

Saturday 17th of January at
9.15am and 10am

Our Lady of Sorrows Church:

Friary Road, Peckham, London SE15 1RH

Monday 15th and 22nd of January at 4pm

Tuesday 16th and 23rd of January at
4.15pm and 5pm

Friday 19th and 26th of January at
4.15pm and 5pm

Saturday 20th and 27th of January at
11.45am and 4.45pm

Norbury Baptist Church:

49 Semley Rd, Norbury, SW16 4PL

Tuesday 16th of January at 5.15pm and 6pm

Thursday 18th of January at 5.15pm and 6pm

Tuesday 23rd of January at 4.15pm and 5.15pm

Thursday 25th of January at
4.15pm and 5.15pm

Christchurch Methodist Church:

114 Lower Addiscombe Road,
Croydon CR0 6AD

Tuesday 16th and 23rd of January at
4.15pm and 5.15pm

Saturday 20th and 27th of January at 1pm

Saturday 20th and 27th of January at
10.30am and 11.30am and 3.30pm

Mitcham Parish Church Centre:

Church Path, Mitcham CR4 3BP

Monday 15th and 22nd of January at
4.15pm and 5pm and 6.15pm

Cheam Methodist Church:

Church Hill Road, Cheam SM3 8LJ

Tuesday 16th and 23rd of January at
4.15pm and 5pm

Friday 19th and 26th of January at
4.15pm and 5pm

Saturday 20th and 27th of January at
9.15am and 10am

Online via Zoom Lessons available Monday to Saturday

Please contact us to arrange a **FREE TRIAL** at your preferred location
or to enquire about any of our other locations in surrounding areas!

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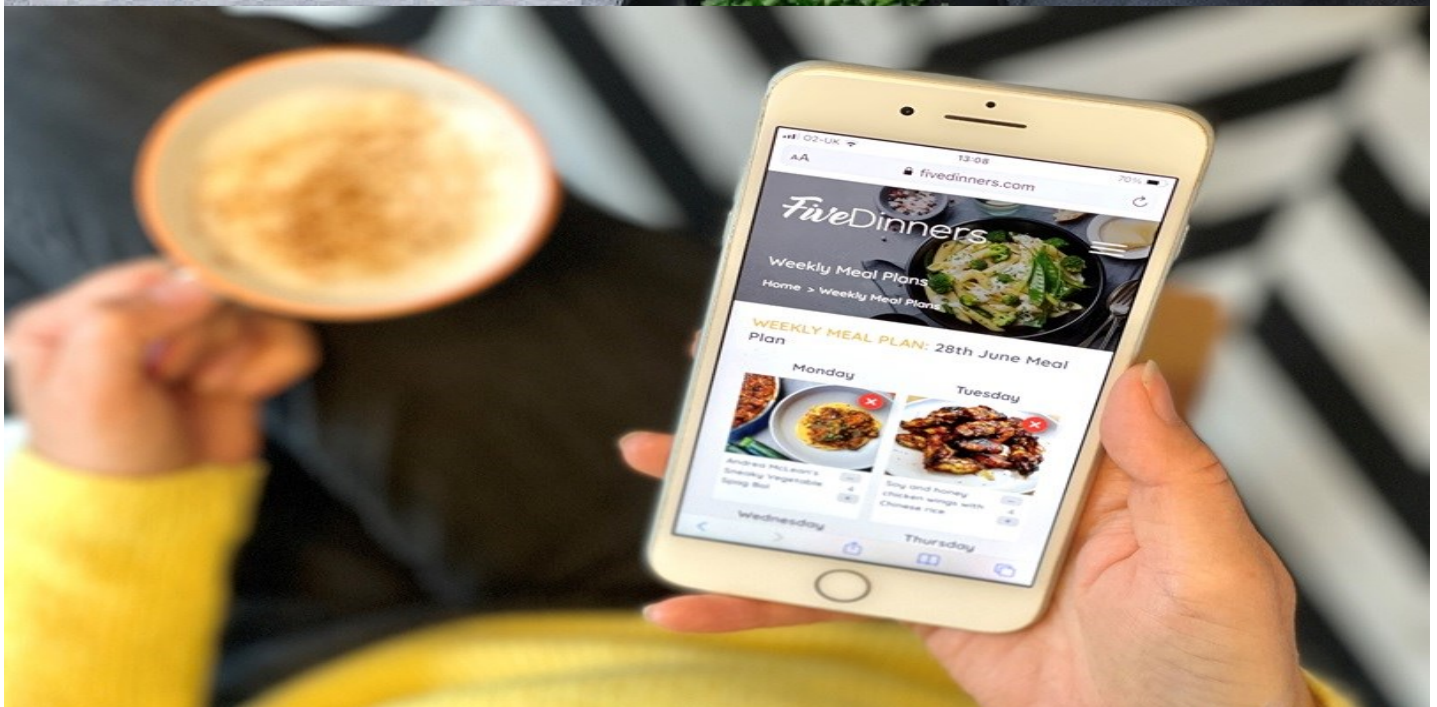
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WEEKLY MEAL PLAN: 28th June Meal Plan

Monday	Tuesday
 Aged halloumi & breaded vegetable Spring Roll	 Spicy honey chicken wings with Chinese rice

Wednesday Thursday